

IRELAND

SUPPLY AND CONSUMPTION

Since 1982 when only one hundred tons of salmon were produced, Ireland has doubled output every year, such that over 4,700 tons were sold in 1988. Ireland has projected output at approximately 15,000 tons. France continues to be the main customer for Irish farmed salmon, in addition to markets currently being developed in the United States and Japan. Eighty percent of Irish salmon production is exported in whole form as fresh or chilled, and markets are being developed for smoked salmon for which the demand is growing rapidly. Ireland also exports fair quantities of salmon cutlets in permeable skin packs to the US.

TARIFFS

The EEC tariff rates for fresh and frozen salmon products are 2 percent; 13 percent for smoked salmon products; and 5.5 percent for canned salmon.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Prepacked salmon product food labelling requirements are based on EEC Directive 79/112, and must show the following information:

- * the name of product; the net quantity in metric units;
- * the date of minimum durability ("best before");
- * any special storage conditions or conditions of use; the name and address of the manufacturer or of a packager or seller based in the Community;
- * details concerning place of origin if the absence of this information might mislead the consumer;
- * instructions for use where necessary;
- * a list of ingredients under the heading "ingredients";
- * the name or business name and address of the manufacturer, packer or seller established within the EEC.